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MCNEILL STREET PUMPING STATION MUSEUM TO HOLD RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne is announcing the opening of the McNeill Street Pumping Station Museum as one of the newest additions to the Secretary of State's Museums Program. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at the museum on April 25 at 12:15 p.m.

The pumping station, built in 1887, was the nation's last operating steam-powered water work when steam engines were retired in 1980. In addition, three of the steam engines at the museum are considered to be some of the oldest examples of their type. The water works was also one of the first places to practice filtration and chlorination.

The McNeill Street Pumping Station Museum is located at 142 N. Common St. in Shreveport. Museum hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information about the McNeill Street Pumping Station Museum, please call Dale Ward at 318-221-3388. For more information about the Secretary of State Museums Program, please visit our Web site at http://sos.louisiana.gov/museums.

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